

News

Reagan's Budget Slashes Geophysics R&D

When President Ronald Reagan outlined a joint session of Congress his proposed revisions to the Carter fiscal 1982 budget (*Eos*, February 10, p. 49), Congress responded with 13 bursts of applause and one standing ovation. Geophysicists, however, may not greet the budget pruning with equal fanfare. Reagan's across-the-board cuts include proposals for slashing research and development funds. Among those hardest hit are NASA, NOAA, and NSF.

The preliminary Reagan budget document, *America's New Beginning: A Program for Economic Recovery*, outlines the proposed cuts, but dollar-by-dollar analyses have yet to be posted. Details of funding for individual programs will be released next week with the publication of the complete budget. *Eos* will monitor those changes that will affect geophysicists.

Despite the enthusiasm shown by Congress during Reagan's February 18 speech, the acid test of Capitol Hill opinion on the revised budget will come when work begins on budget approval. According to a report in the *Washington Post* on the morning following the speech, Reagan aides believe that chances for approval are best if the budget is considered quickly and as a total package.

NASA's GRO and VOIR Deferred

Jimmy Carter allocated a 21% increase over the fiscal 1981 budget for NASA in fiscal 1982. This sharp increase is incompatible with a program of across-the-board restraint, Reagan reasoned. He therefore proposes to whittle the increase to about 12%, giving the agency real growth of 2% with a 10% inflation rate. NASA is now budgeted for \$6.235 billion in fiscal 1982, a decrease of \$330 million from the Carter budget.

The space shuttle program probably will be maintained, but the Gamma Ray Observatory, the Venus Orbiting Imaging Radar, and the Spacelab experiments will be deferred for an unspecified period, according to the Reagan budget document. A NASA scientist said that VOIR will not be deferred but will continue as an item in the budget, however, development will be slower than envisioned by Carter. Full support will continue for the development of the space telescope at the Johns Hopkins University (*Eos*, February 10, p. 50). Funding for the solar electric propulsion system will be eliminated, and space science flight projects will be rescheduled.

Support is provided in Reagan's budget to 'fully utilize spacecraft launched in prior years that are still transmitting useful data; Voyager spacecraft fall into this category. The

Galileo mission to Jupiter will be maintained as part of 'an orderly progression in the exploration of the planets.' United States' participation in the international solar polar mission will continue, but more slowly than Carter had envisioned.

Funds for remote sensing will be cut, as will those for research on weather and climate and those for research on the advanced communications technology needed to increase the useful range of radio frequencies.

NSF Lab Modernization Postponed

Reagan plans to 'selectively reduce or eliminate' some NSF programs, but he will maintain 'ongoing support for its critical responsibilities in the advancement of science.' Proposed for reduction or elimination are programs deemed of 'less immediate priority' or 'less critical to meeting the goals and objectives' of NSF.

Slated for deferment are all new programs proposed in the Carter 1982 budget for NSF, including the \$75-million program to modernize university laboratories and the program to build the 25-m, millimeter wave telescope in Hawaii. Funds allocated by Carter for basic and applied research in the division of astronomical, atmospheric, earth, and ocean sciences will be maintained, however.

No mention was made of the ocean margin drilling programs. Exact funding for specific programs will be announced next week.

NOAA Closely Shaved

Government funds for NOAA will be reduced from Carter's \$184 million allocation for fiscal 1982 to \$32 million. Money for the Coastal Energy Impact Program and the Coastal Zone Management Program will be terminated under Reagan's Economic Recovery Program. Federal assistance to sea grant colleges for marine research will be halved. In addition, the National Oceanic Satellite System (NOSS) will be deferred.

'States and localities should assume responsibility for those NOAA programs from which they directly benefit,' Reagan said. He estimated that NOAA program costs can be reduced by more than \$1 billion over the next 5 years. 'These changes are consistent with the original intent of the coastal programs—to provide Federal assistance only when essential and for front-end seed money,' he continued.

Most of the \$1 billion reduction of federal funds can be attributed to the deferment of NOSS. Reagan estimated that the government will save \$800 million over the next 7 years with the postponement. Reagan explained the rationale for the delay: 'The cost of NOSS is too high at this time and oceanographic data needs can be met through other means.'

USGS Cuts Not Outlined

Reductions, if any, in the USGS fiscal 1982 budget were not delineated in the Reagan preliminary document. Cutbacks for the Department of the Interior were included, but department officials have yet to hammer out the agency breakdowns.—BTS

Quake Station in China

The United States installed the first permanent seismological station in the People's Republic of China late last year. Located in the city of Kunming, in southern China, the station is part of the International Deployment of Accelerometers (IDA) program, a network of 17 seismometers in 15 countries.

The monitoring equipment, installed by scientists from the University of California's Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, measures long-period earth movements that result from major earthquakes. Information collected by cassette recording tapes is analyzed by computers in San Diego and is combined with data from other stations worldwide.

The Petroleum Exponential (Again)

The U.S. production and reserves of liquid and gaseous petroleum have declined since 1960, at least in the lower 48 states. This decline stems from decreased discovery rates, as predicted by M. King Hubbert in the mid-1950's. Hubbert's once unpopular views were based on statistical analysis of the production history of the petroleum industry, and now, even with inclusion of the statistical perturbation caused by the Prudhoe Bay-North Alaskan Slope discovery (the largest oil field ever found in the United States), it seems clear again that production is following the exponential curve to depletion of the resource—to the end of the ultimate yield of petroleum from wells in the United States.

In a recent report, C. Hall and C. Cleveland of Cornell University show that large atypical discoveries, such as the Prudhoe Bay find, are but minor influences on what now appears to be the crucial intersection of two exponentials [*Science*, 211, 576-579, 1981]: the production-per-drilled-foot curve of Hubbert, which crosses zero production no later than the year 2005; the other, a curve that plots the energy cost of drilling and extraction with time; that is, the cost-time rate of how much oil is used to drill and extract oil from the ground. The intersection, if no other discoveries the size of the Prudhoe Bay field are made, could be as early as 1990, the end of the present decade. The inclusion of each Prudhoe-Bay-size find extends the year of intersection by only about 8 years. Beyond that point, more than one barrel of petroleum would be expended for each barrel

Forum

Source of Digital Terrain Data

The digital terrain map of the United States published in the cover of *Eos*, v. 62, no. 1, January 6, 1981, has a number of enquiries about enlarged copies and the source. The terrain data are available from:

U.S. Department of Commerce
NOAA/EDIS/NGSDC (D62)
325 Broadway
Boulder, CO 80303

A color terrain map by R. H. Godson of the U.S. Geological Survey, at an approximate scale of 1:7,500,000, is press as *Miscellaneous Investigations Map I-1318* (projected release in late spring). Godson should have been listed as a co-contributor of the image used by *Eos*.

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U.S. Geological Survey

extracted from the ground. The oil exploration-extraction and refining industry is currently the second most energy intensive industry in the U.S., and the message seems clear. Either more efficient drilling and production techniques are discovered, or domestic production will cease well before the end of this century if the Hubbert analysis modified by Hall and Cleveland is correct.

A close look at the method by which the projected intersection of exponentials was deduced reveals that the oil exponential is still 'barrels per foot drilled' production curve. Hubbert's extrapolation was formulated from petroleum industry trends dating back to the 1930's. Then, some 250 barrels of oil were recovered per foot, compared with about 6-25 barrels per foot today. It should also be noted that most domestic oil being produced today comes from fields that were discovered before 1940. In 1977, it cost a quantity of energy equivalent to approximately 1.5 barrels of petroleum for each foot drilled, up from a small fraction of a barrel in 1950, and thus the time when the U.S. actually stops producing oil may not be when the wells run dry. The time may be sooner by 10-25 years, when the production of petroleum will no longer be a net process, i.e., the energy cost will be the same as the value of the energy recovered (see figure).

The curves for 'barrels-per-foot-drilled' appear to be very sensitive to the rates of drilling. At high rates the yield per drilled foot is about 300% lower than at low rates. Combination of the many factors that enter into this analysis, however, could conceal the causes. For example, federal taxation policy can strongly influence the profits taken by oil discovery. Likewise, a large portion of the drilling foot age may not be for the search of new discoveries. Most drilling is done in known fields to extend the yield, as economics permit.

If one views the exponentials as simply as a 'number cruncher' would, one might conclude (as did Hall and Cleveland) that 'the current trend of increasing conventional effort by the oil industry may not be in the best interest of the nation . . . [op. cit.]. This conclusion is an obvious one, based on the trend to lower efficiency at the higher rates of drilling. Instead, one is reminded of the extraction rates of other industries in the field of natural resources. The mining and metals industry has traditionally been able to improve its extraction efficiency as concentrations of metals in ores have decreased from several percent to a few tenths of a percent. What has been apparent in the mining and other extraction industries is that the product per ton rate diminishes but that the efficiency of extraction per ton increases. Just as it has always been that extensive lower grade ore deposits are more economic than lesser extents of more concentrated ores, the rule has been that the lower grade ores last longer, much longer. Improved extraction is the key.

As in the mining industry, the yield of barrels per foot drilled may level off, as the 'grade' of petroleum deposits decreases. If petroleum is replaced by solid fuel (coal) in industry and in power generation, not only will the petroleum cost of drilling and extracting go down (possibly to zero), but the need for new discoveries will be less desperate. Rumors of huge petroleum deposits centered in Wyoming, planned extensions of new fields off Alaska (although the last 200 wells drilled in Prudhoe Bay were dry), and discovery of new potential oil fields under the Appalachian and along the continental margins can only add to this ex-

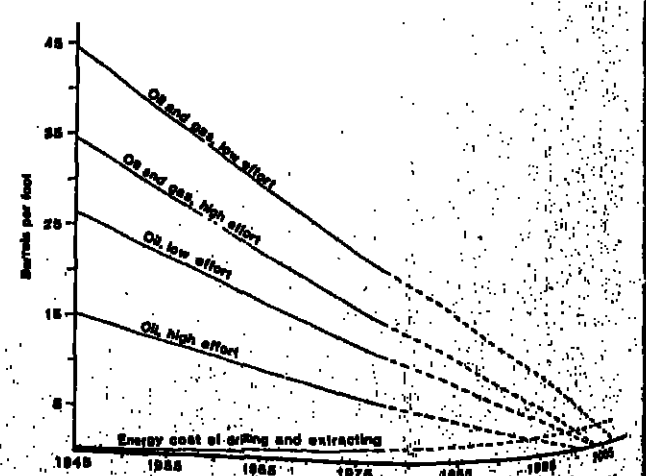


Fig. 1. Curves: Oil and gas yield in barrels per foot drilled vs. time (and exploration effort) and energy costs for drilling (after C. Hall and C. Cleveland, *Science*, 211, 576-579, 1981).

tensive but lower grade (or higher cost) fields. It appears therefore, that the levelling off of the function (now difficult to predict) that describes the demand for petroleum versus the supply is the key intangible.—PMB

1980 Weather Summary

The weather in the United States during 1980 was bad. A 3-month heat wave in the southwest caused about \$20 billion in ruined crops, an increase in power consumption, and damage to roads and highways. Nationwide, the heat killed 1320 people. Floods caused more than \$1 billion in losses. Hurricane Allen caused about \$500 million in property losses and took two lives.

The highest temperature reading during 1980, 51° C (124° F), was reached five times. Locations were at Bull Head, Arizona; Death Valley, California; and three times at Baker, California. Preliminary figures also show that the lowest temperature for the year was recorded at Tok weather station, 150 miles southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska. There the mercury plummeted to -56° C (-68° F). In the lower 48 states the minimum thermometer reading was -44° C at Wisdom, Montana.

Deaths caused by lightning were down to 78 last year from the 20-year average of 104. Deaths caused by tornadoes dropped to 28, the second lowest total in 65 years. Lightning storms also produced more than \$750 million in damage.

The following is a summary of the extraordinarily bad weather:

Spring flooding began in March in Alabama and Mississippi with rainfalls of 18 inches, more than three times normal. Also in March, Mt. St. Helena erupted. Although not of itself a weather event, the huge plumes of ash and gases affected the weather. The eruption left 34 dead and caused more than \$150 million damage.

On April 27 heavy thunderstorms and wind gusts of up to 42 mph contributed to conditions that caused a ship to crash into Sunshine Skyline Bridge at Tampa Bay. Thirty lives were lost, and harbor traffic was delayed for 5 days.

The great summer heat wave—between June and mid-August—was the United States' most devastating weather calamity during 1980. On July 13, temperature records were shattered in several southern states. Dallas, Texas, had 38° C (100° F), or above, each day from June 23 to August 3.

The corn, cotton, peanut, and spring wheat crops were particularly hard hit by the heat. The Consumer Price Index for food and beverages, which had risen only one third as much as the rest of the index during the first half of 1980,

New Publications

Dynamics of the Magnetosphere

S.-I. Akasofu (Ed.), D. Reidel, Hingham, Massachusetts, xi + 658 pp., 1980.

Reviewed by A. Nishida

Earth's magnetosphere is a huge energy converter floating in the solar system. It absorbs energy from the solar wind in the earth's neighborhood in highly ingenious ways and creates a variety of phenomena, among which are the aurora, natural radio waves, and trapped radiation. Human understanding of the nature of this energy converter has advanced tremendously owing to the advent of spacecraft which has made the in situ observations of the key factors possible, and there is a widely shared feeling in the community that the investigation of our magnetosphere will contribute to the understanding of the cosmic phenomena in general by establishing elementary characteristics of space plasmas on experimental bases.

This volume is an outcome of a 1-week symposium that was held at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory on October 9-13, 1978, and it provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of development of the magnetospheric research. From observations and theoretical efforts in the past, one mechanism has emerged as a key process—reconnection of magnetic field lines. This mechanism has been invoked both for entry of the solar-wind energy into the magnetosphere and for sudden outbreak of particle accelerations within the magnetosphere. At the same time this mechanism has never failed to have sound criticisms, and in this sense it has played a role of a highly stimulating guiding hypothesis. We can see that the concept of reconnection is either discussed explicitly or serves as an undertone in most of the papers contained in the volume.

The volume has 32 papers, and it is divided into six chapters. Chapter 1, 'Interplanetary Magnetic Field and the Magnetosphere,' deals with entry of the solar-wind energy into the magnetosphere. The fact that the chapter on the energy supply has 'interplanetary magnetic field' within the title clearly demonstrates the status of the reconnection hypothesis in the field. Four papers review observational evidences which testify to the dependence of the magnetospheric conditions on the interplanetary magnetic field, and N. U. Crooker presents her most recent model of the topology of reconnected field lines on the dayside of the magnetosphere. A lucid theoretical account of transport mechanisms at the magnetopause is given by B. U. Ö. Sonnerup. But the dayside reconnection is not short of critics. S. Menje et al. report an analysis, based on observations of the dayside aurora, which claims that lowering in latitude of the dayside cusp cannot be taken as an unquestionable evidence of the dayside reconnection as has formerly been suggested.

Chapter 2, 'Magnetosphere-Ionosphere Coupling,' deals with the final destination of the supplied energy. Emphasis is

jumped twice as much during the second half.

Of the named 11 tropical storms, only one, Hurricane Allen, struck the U.S. mainland.

Autumn brought smog and heat to the Los Angeles basin from September 28 to October 11. This produced 'hazardous' pollution levels for 3 days and temperatures averaging above normal.

The year ended with floods in the Pacific Northwest, where a 2- to 5-inch rainstorm December 26-28 hit parts of Washington and Oregon. [Source: NOAA]—PMB

Seismic Reflection Data Available

High-resolution seismic reflection data are now available for the area offshore the southeast Georgia embayment associated with Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lease sale 56.

Approximately 8400 km of high-resolution data were gathered from 286 tracts that covered 1,625,251 million acres in water depths from 14 m to 2025 m. These data were gathered to help evaluate the geological hazards related to oil and gas development in the area.

Data were collected and interpreted by Fairfield Industries, Inc., under contract to the U.S. Geological Survey. USGS provided the data to the National Geophysical and Solar-Terrestrial Data Center for public distribution.

For additional information, contact the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, EDIS/NGSDC Code D621, 325 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80303, or call (303) 497-6338.

Science Policy Fellowships

To encourage scientists to contribute to public policy issues that involve the natural sciences, the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., has established a Science Policy Fellowship program, slated to begin with the 1981-1982 academic year. The program will bring senior scientists to Washington for 1 year to work with the Brookings staff on science policy issues.

Fellowships will be awarded annually to three scientists from among candidates nominated by an advisory committee, by departments of natural science at universities and private research institutions, and by the public sector. The new program is supported by a 3-year grant from the Sloan Foundation.

For additional information about the fellowships, contact Jim Farrell, The Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (telephone: 202/797-6220).

on the large-scale electric current system produced three-dimensionally from the magnetosphere to the ionosphere. While the gross structure of this current system has been deduced from spacecraft observations, the ground-based radar system has played a powerful role in delineating its fine structures and temporal developments. R. A. Greenwald provides us with comprehensive information on the latter subject starting from the basic theory.

Chapter 3, 'Plasma Processes in the Magnetosphere,' contains theoretical papers only. Theoretical papers are scattered throughout other chapters, too, and I cannot find a clear distinction between the papers in this chapter and the theoretical papers given elsewhere, particularly in chapter 5. Subjects discussed are plasma microinstabilities in relation to reconnection, overall dynamics and energetics of magnetospheric substorms, and magnetic pulsations associated with substorms. K. Papadopoulos presents a convenient summary of frequencies, growth rates, and excitation conditions for several modes of plasma waves which may be important in the magnetotail.

Chapter 4 is entitled 'Ring Current Formation.' The ring current that flows around the earth is carried by energetic particles trapped in the geomagnetic field, and its growth reflects injection of energy into the radiation belt. The energy is most certainly supplied by the solar wind, but the particles that constitute the radiation belt are not entirely from the solar wind. D. J. Williams reviews observational evidences, obtained from ion composition measurements, that suggest injection of the accelerated ionospheric ions into the radiation belt. It is unfortunate that complementary observations on electrons are not available in this volume. Physics of the field-aligned electric field is not discussed very extensively, either, while its importance is emphasized repeatedly.

The topics in chapter 5, 'Substorm Mechanisms,' range from a crude outline of the overall mechanism to detailed mathematical or numerical presentation of some specific mechanism. G. Atkinson in the first half of his paper gives a concise and clear presentation on the basic processes that govern energy flow from the solar wind to the magnetosphere. A. Hasegawa and T. Sato present a beautiful mathematical formulation of linkage between the magnetospheric current and the field-aligned current. S.-I. Akasofu advocates that the substorm is driven directly by energy supply from the solar wind rather than by unloading of the energy stored inside the magnetosphere. He also advocates a 'current interruption model' in which the interrupted cross-tail current is diverted toward the earth. Doesn't interruption of the cross-tail current mean unloading of the magnetic field energy of the tail?

Chapter 6 is entitled 'Substorm Processes in the Magnetotail,' and here reconnection in the magnetotail is the central issue. The spell of reconnection is so great that every tailward flow of plasma and every southward polarity of magnetotail field appear to be compared with expectation from the re-

Water Quality Tested in Kentucky Coalfields

The Kentucky Geological Survey received a \$1.1 million grant to collect information on groundwater quality and quantity in the eastern Kentucky coalfields. The funding extends a 1-year, \$211,000 grant from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Water will be sampled continuously from between 40 and 50 core holes or wells, each drilled to an average depth of 120 meters. Quality and levels of the water are the main concern of the monitoring. By using standard submersible pumps, researchers will also be able to test each well's potential to supply water to industry and municipalities, according to Jon Kieler, project coordinator.

Impetus for the project is the Surface Mine and Reclamation Act of 1977, which requires assessments of surface water and groundwater before a mining permit is issued. In addition, water conditions that may change during or after mining must be outlined.

A final report is expected to be published in January 1985.

Field Research Proposals

The Center for Field Research is seeking proposals from postdoctoral scholars in need of funding, and they are also seeking volunteers for field work. The center relies on volunteers from Earthwatch, a national volunteer program. These volunteers provide the finances to cover all their own field costs and a designated share of project expenses. Total annual awards from the center exceed \$600,000.

Research must be able to use teams of volunteers in the field to qualify for support. Dissertation and undergraduate research are not currently eligible; however, inclusion of graduate students as staff is encouraged. There are no limits on the geographic location of projects.

To apply, submit a two-page preliminary proposal that outlines objectives, project dates, and the need for funds and volunteers. Upon favorable review, the center will invite the applicant to prepare a formal proposal. Preliminary proposals have no deadline, but formal ones are due April 1 and October 1 and must precede the field work by 9 months.

For additional information on application procedures and a listing of projects that received support in 1980, contact Patti A. Prunhuber, Project Manager, The Center for Field Research, 10 Juniper Road, Box 127-N, Belmont, Massachusetts 02178 (telephone: 617-489-3032).

connection model; every case which does not comply with the expectations is announced as a fatal blow to the idea. Apparently, reconnection cannot explain everything, but it is also true that the cases presented by E. W. Hones are compatible with the reconnection model but not with another proposed model (rarefaction wave model). It is my impression that there are multitudes of driving mechanisms for the magnetotail dynamics.

A great majority of the papers contained in this volume are well written and self-contained; the volume is free from the flaw, often encountered in conference proceedings, of carrying fragmentary pieces of work. Owing to space limitations, unfortunately only a small fraction of the good papers could be cited. Where there is conflict in views, both parties are well represented. Clear theoretical articles, such as those quoted above, augment the value of the book.

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All applicants should send curriculum vitae, a brief statement of research interests and names, addresses and telephone numbers of three professional references to: Professor Edward E. Baker, Chairman, Department of Meteorology, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742. Closing date for applications is April 15, 1981. The University of Maryland is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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9170 Seismic methods. TRENDS IN SEISMICITY-DEPTH RELATIONS IN SEDIMENTARY BASINS-A STUDY BASED ON CURRENT INVESTIGATION IN THE ARCTIC BASIN AND AN INTERPRETATION OF EXPERIMENTAL DATA. K. A. Adams (Petrochemical Oil Co., P.O. Box 190, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2C 2E8). Velocity of P-waves in the Arctic basins shows a significant increase with depth. This is interpreted as being due to the presence of a high-velocity layer at the base of the sedimentary sequence. The velocity of S-waves also increases with depth, but at a slower rate than the P-waves. The ratio of P-wave velocity to S-wave velocity (Vp/Vs) is also a function of depth. The Vp/Vs ratio increases with depth, indicating a change in the elastic properties of the rocks. The change in Vp/Vs is interpreted as being due to the presence of a high-velocity layer at the base of the sedimentary sequence.

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Meetings

Geodesy Session at Astrodynamics Meeting

AGU will cosponsor a special session on geodesy at the 1981 Astrodynamics Conference sponsored by the American Astronautical Society (AAS) and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). The conference is scheduled for August 3-5 in North Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

The special session will focus on the interface between geodesy and satellite-related astrodynamics and celestial mechanics. In addition to invited papers, a limited number of contributed papers will be considered. Prospective authors must submit 1000-word abstracts to Paul J. Celala.

Technical Program Chairman, Mail Station 64, C.S. Draper Laboratory, 555 Technology Square, Cambridge, Mass. 02139. Abstracts should be clearly marked "Geodesy Special Session—Contributed Paper" and should arrive no later than March 20.

AGU members are invited to attend the conference and may register at AAS/AIAA member rates. For more information about registration, contact the general chairman for the meeting: Alan L. Friedlander, Science Applications, Inc., 1701 East Woodfield Road, Schaumburg, Ill. 60195, or Bernard Kaufman, Naval Research Laboratory, Code 7933, Washington, D.C. 20375.

AGU SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1980-1981

The June Bacon-Berkey Scholarship in Atmospheric Sciences for Women

Scholarship assistance in the amount of \$400 will again be made available to a woman who intends to make a career in the atmospheric sciences. The award, which is provided through a gift from June Bacon-Berkey, a noted practicing meteorologist, will be made on the basis of academic achievement and promise. To be eligible for this scholarship, a candidate must be one of the following at the time of application:

- a first-year graduate student in a program leading to an advanced degree in the atmospheric sciences;
- an undergraduate in a bachelor's program leading to a degree in the atmospheric sciences, who has been accepted for graduate study in the field; or
- a student at a 2-year institution offering at least 6 semester hours of atmospheric sciences, who has been accepted for a bachelor's degree program in the atmospheric sciences and who has completed all of the courses in an atmospheric science offered at the 2-year institution.

Application forms are available from the American Geophysical Union, Member Programs Division, 2000 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20039 (202) 462-6903. Selection of the awardee will be made by the AGU Subcommittee on Women in Geophysics. In consultation with the AGU Meteorology Section.

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